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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Anne Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001





RE: BNSF Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - In King County, Washington, Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 463X)

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Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The Port of Seattle (the "Port") will acquire certain right-of-way and trackage from BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF), a transaction which does not require Board action. See The Port of Seattle – Acquisition Exemption – Certain Assets of BNSF Railway Co., STB Fin. Docket No. 35128 (STB served Oct. 27, 2008). Portions of the right-of-way are the subject of ongoing trail use negotiations between King County, Washington and BNSF. The Port files this letter in support of the Motion of King County, Washington for Extension of Period for Negotiation of Trail Use Agreement filed in the above-referenced dockets on October 20, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

anne Sheng

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cc: All Parties of Record (via First Class Mail)